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-Title of Hearing: **Hearing on Responding to Long-Term Unemployment**

I have worked in sales and the financial industry most of my adult life. There are NO jobs available. I apply for at least 20 jobs per week, with not even a single call back. I have a Bachelor's degree in finance from The University of North Texas in Denton Texas. I just had the most humiliating experience of my life last week. I had to apply for food stamps!!! I have 2 toddlers and I do not want them to see me struggle like this. Please extend the 99 week maximum, so I can support my children. There are several other places the government could cut back to fund this extension of benefits. Please help me feel like the man I am. I want the American dream. A good job and stable environment for my children. I cannot do this homeless and on food stamps....They also informed me I can only get food stamps for a maximum of three months. So if nothing changes, I will also be hungry!!!! We need jobs, but this will not happen overnight, so please extend the benefit until we can get the new jobs that are being created. Tightened the requirements for job searches, change the requirements or whatever you feel will help us get employed. I BEG you, please do not forget about us. We are human and deserve humane treatment. I will be happy to speak with you in you require additional information. God Bless and please do not forget the voters!!!